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Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston accepted command of the Air Warfare Center from Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Combat Command commander, Monday.

AWFC holds change of command

By Staff Sgt. Ed Scott
AWFC Public Affairs

With a standing room only crowd inside the Thunderbird hangar Monday morning, Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston accepted command of the Air Warfare Center from Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Combat Command commander, and presiding officer of the ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Wally Moorhead, the former AWFC commander, heads to the Pentagon as Headquarters U.S. Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff, Air and Space Operations.

"This is a time honored military ceremony, change of command, where we pass the unit's flag from one commander to the next — in this case, where we pass it from one great airman to another," said Gen. Eberhart. "This is a time to reflect on our Air

Force and on this special place, Nellis Air Force Base, this key command and what this command has accomplished under Maj. Gen. Wally Moorhead and what it will accomplish under Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston.

"In less than half a century we have built the world's most respected air and space force," he said. "And it continues to get better.

"The Air Warfare Center continues to get better because of the men and women and their families who continue to serve," Gen. Eberhart said. "And it continues to get better because of our very special team — the contractors and of course the men and women of the surrounding community who are represented here today by (Mr.) Joe Brown, (president, James Vargas Attorneys) and (Mr.) Randy Black, (Nellis Support Team commander).

"Under the command of Gen. Moorhead the list of accomplishments is long, from ensuring the Predator was used in Kosovo as it should be used, to ensuring that we had the land and the air space to test and train.

"But the true testament is how our team fared as a part of a joint team, a coalition team, an allied team in Kosovo," Gen. Eberhart said. "Kosovo proved the expertise of the Air Warfare Center continues to serve our Air Force in a very special way.

"A true test of a commander is how the command fares after the commander leaves, so we really don't need to have a commander here," he said jokingly but then added, "we're not going to take that chance, so we've selected another great airman, another great team to lead this command. A man once again

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Final Flight...



Photos by Airman Ashley Center and Staff Sgt. Molly A. Gillam

Gen. Wally Moorhead, Air Warfare Center commander, had his final flight on Jan. 28. While he was flying, Mrs. Debbie Moorhead (center) had a taxi ride on the flight line. Right, The Moorhead family poses with three of their children on the ladder, the twins Kipp and Cody and Scott at the bottom, following the general's flight.



Up close



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kevin Gruenwald

What is your unit?

USAF Aerial Demonstration Squadron, The Thunderbirds.

Name and Rank:

Lt. Col. John R. Venable

Date Assumed Command:

Jan. 21, 2000

Previous Job/Assignment:

Operations Officer of the 549th Combat Training Squadron

Time In Service:

17 plus years

Commissioning Source:

Air Force R.O.T.C.

Family:

Wife, Lil and two sons, Harrison and Walker.

Hobbies:

Weight lifting and running

Why is your unit important to the Air Force mission?

We round up thoroughbreds and bring them on board so that you all can shape them into the professionals that will ensure our dominance throughout this century.

Your Command Philosophy:

Lead from the point. Frame the direction and give folks the latitude to make that direction happen. Avoid any semblance of micromanagement. Put face-to-face contact well ahead of computer-to-computer interface.

What is your goal for your squadron?

Give recruiters the opportunity to screen to 100 percent of the Air Force requirement for new airmen. Bring on a stronger feeling of community to Nellis and Clark County.

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Gen. Moorhead offers final thoughts, memories

By 1st Lt. Allen Herritage
AWFC Public Affairs

Bullseye: What are you going to miss most about Nellis?

Maj. Gen. Wally Moorhead: Obviously, foremost is the people. We, the Air Force, have an abundance of outstanding professionals. A lot is expected of Nellis, a lot is demanded of Nellis and it tends to get a large share of the Air Force's best personnel. I will miss them, but I will primarily miss the intense excitement and activity they generate.

Bullseye: Where do you think you've left your mark on Nellis?

Gen. Moorhead: It's hard to leave a mark on Nellis. In general, what we do every day is "sitting" on a solid foundation of lessons learned, rigor and discipline and a clear understanding of what we do



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

Maj. Gen. Wally Moorhead

and don't do. I think what I brought to this fight was familiarity with all or most of the pieces. I have been a 57th Wing instructor pilot and scheduler. I flew with the 53rd Wing in the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, I spent some time at Tonopah and have worked closely with the range group. I also worked for Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center and Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.;

this plus my experience in USAF Space Command has given me some insight into what all this air and space integration is or isn't.

My mark—well, I think just making sure we stayed the course, worked together, and understood all the moving pieces and integrated them in a way that makes the Air Force understand what all the great people here at Nellis do.

Bullseye: Has Nellis changed you as a leader?

Gen. Moorhead: Absolutely, you cannot help but be touched by what goes on here. You see so much, you learn so much. I hope to take this with me to the Pentagon and be able to articulate it!

Maybe I can make things better. Why else would you go to the Pentagon unless you can make a difference.

Bullseye: What does the family think about the move?

Gen. Moorhead: Initially,

like all of us, there were some tense moments of anxiety and apprehension about all of this. Even though this move was a little earlier than we planned, we're all excited and ready to see what the next chapter is all about.

Bullseye: You've had an outstanding relationship with the Nellis Support Team. What needs to be done to further it?

Gen. Moorhead: Nothing except expand their influence throughout the Air Force to let everyone know what the people of Nellis need to do their job.

The NST are our finest cheerleaders and booster club.. They all are great Americans and airmen, as far as I'm concerned.

Bullseye: What will be your most vivid memory of Nellis?

Gen. Moorhead: You know, there's lots of memories—mostly great, some not so good.

However, early morning

takeoffs, Red Flag launches, night time sorties, Contending Warrior, mid-day flight line activity at 140 degree temperature in August on the ramp.

I will remember all of the dedicated, professional folks making the Air Force work better!

Bullseye: What advice would you give Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston once he takes command of the Air Warfare Center?

Gen. Moorhead: Gen. Johnston understands Nellis. He also knows that "staying the course" while continually improving the capabilities of the Air Force is what's most important. It's a simple answer:

"L.D., take care of them, and do your thing," Gen. Moorhead said in closing. "Everyone at Nellis should be excited about Gen. Johnston and Sherri taking the reins. This is an exciting team at an exciting time."

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proven in combat – from earlier days in Southeast Asia to recently in Southwest Asia.

"He's no stranger to Nellis – he's been here four times," Gen. Eberhart said. "I know he's the right person because although his past is interesting what is really important is the future. Gen. Johnston will help chart the road to our boundless future for our Air Force along with the men and women of the Air Warfare Center."

Gen. Moorhead, who served here for 19 months said his time here ran the full gambit of experiences and emotions. The Air Warfare Center is more than Nellis – it's three wings, fighters, bombers, UAVs, HH-60s, more than 10,000 people and their families and "it is the goal-setter for the rest of the Air Force," he said. "You set the standards and you maintain the standards. It's your duty, its your mission, it's also your legacy."

Gen. Moorhead said the Nellis ranges are where the world's greatest Air Force will train and becomes even greater. "How goes Nellis is how goes the combat air forces," he said.

He went on to tell Gen. Johnston he has the best job in the Air Force and proceeded to present Gen. Johnston with the center commander's cell phone, car keys, house keys and the commander's F-16 aircraft.

"I almost couldn't find the words to tell you how



Photos by Staff Sgt. Molly Gilliam

Maj. Gen. Wally Moorhead presents Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston with the keys to the house and car.

honored, humble and happy Sherri and I are to rejoin this team," said Gen. Johnston.

"You all should be so proud for what you've done," Gen. Johnston said.

"Our challenge is to press on with the vision, with the things that have been molded by Gen. Moorhead and to do things the Air Force has not been able to do until now — now that we have the technology to prevent things," he said.

He gave the example of World War I and II where Americans strafed their own soldiers due to poor radar equipment.

"It happened to my two grandfathers," Gen. Johnston said. "If we can prevent American soldiers

from dying because of our command and control – if we can test and train to put bombs on targets so the tank busters blow up the tanks before Sgt. Mike and Capt. Miller get killed next to that bridge in Private Ryan.

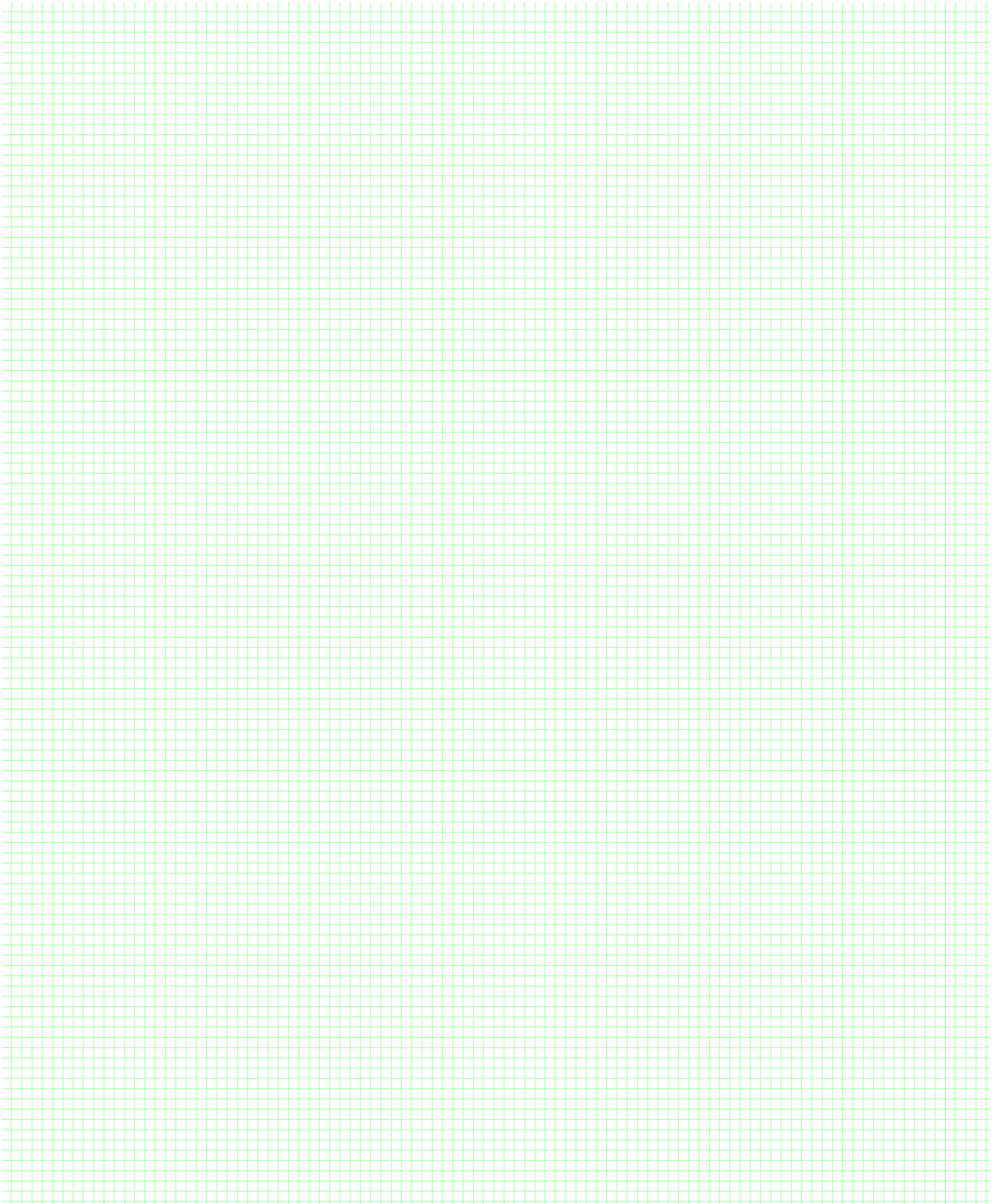
"That is our challenge," he said. "In the history of combat we're at a crucial moment when we can do things that can prevent things like that from happening in combat.

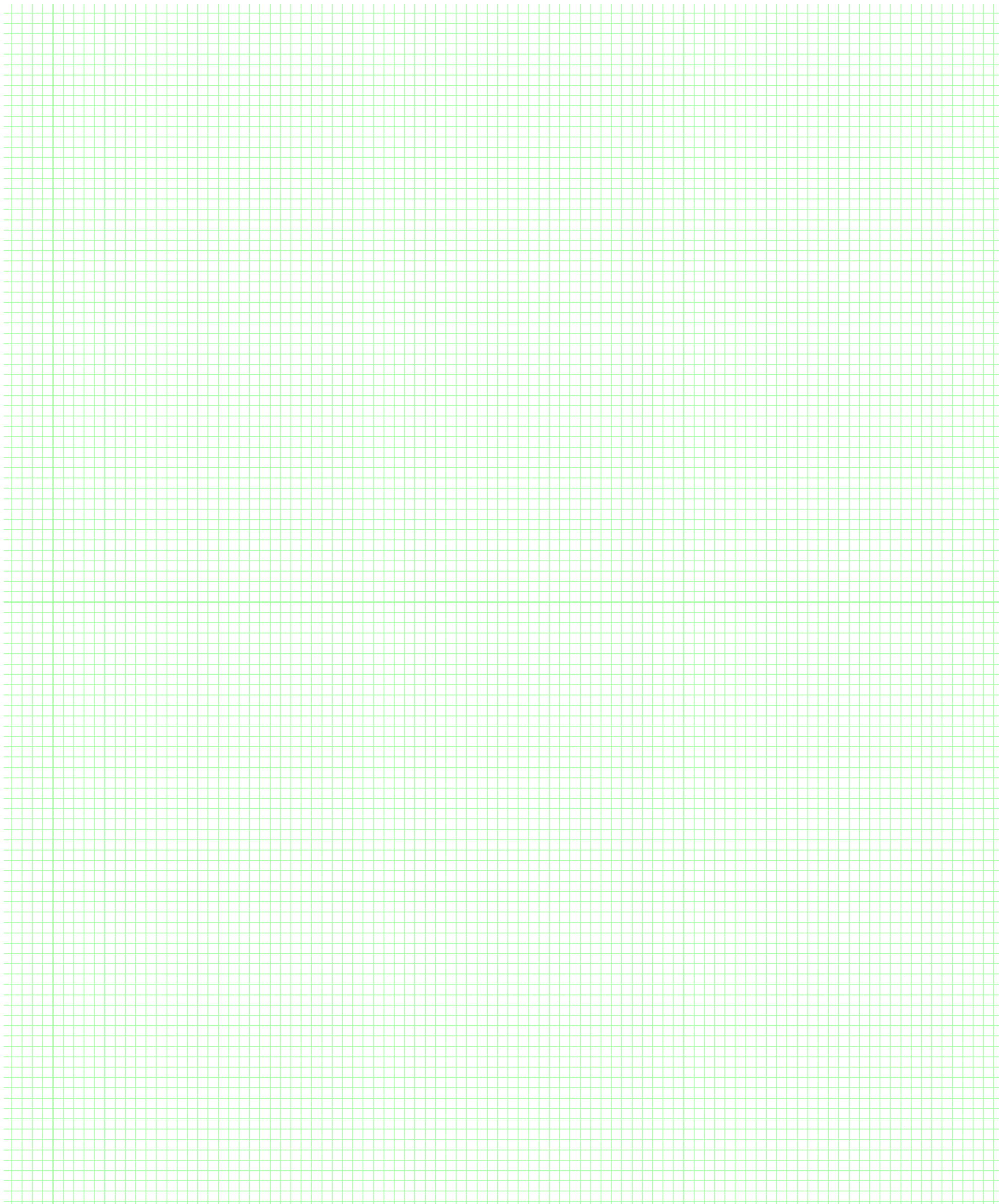
"We're desperate to get started with you."

Gen. Johnston closed the ceremony with an old World War II saying, "God bless our families, friends and allies but God pity the enemies of the United States Air Force."



Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Combat Command commander, congratulates Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston during Monday's change of command ceremony.







Action Line

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Col. Andrew Dichter
99th Air Base Wing

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Passive Solar energy can work



I noticed the visiting officer quarter's renovation and some of the new buildings, and I don't see any evidence of solar heating or hot water heating. Wouldn't it save a lot of money to use solar power? I was curious to know, perhaps I've overlooked it or haven't been able to see it but I was just wondering if we were going to add any solar power.



Thanks for your interest in energy conservation. If and when we can save money through solar energy measures, we do so. We evaluate solar energy options during design of every renovation and construction project.

However, high initial investment and maintenance costs, coupled with the cheap cost of electrical power here in the valley, have made active solar energy efforts impractical.

For example, there are two dormitories behind the main exchange whose solar energy water heating systems have proven ineffective due to high maintenance costs. More recently, a solar water heating system at the olympic pool proved ineffective and costly. While our experience with active solar energy systems has been poor, passive solar energy measures have been promising. If you'll look at our newest dorms, you'll notice the exterior balconies and

walkways on the south-side block the summer sun, but allow for solar heat gain in the winter when the sun is lower.

We will continue to employ effective solar energy measures where practical.

Social Security representatives come to Nellis

Social Security representatives will be at the Family Support Center Feb. 18 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. They will be accepting applications for new and lost Social Security cards. For more information call the Family Support Center at 652-3327.



National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 9



Courtesy photo

Retired Maj. Gen. Jerry E. White, Nellis' National Prayer Breakfast guest speaker.

**By Staff Sgt. Ed Scott
AWFC Public Affairs**

Nellis' National Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. Wednesday at the Enlisted Club with retired Maj. Gen. Jerry E. White, president and chief executive officer of The Navigators, an interdenominational, non-profit organization dedicated to helping people spiritually, is the guest speaker.

The cost of the breakfast buffet is \$5 for staff sergeants and below and \$6.50 for technical sergeants and above as well as civilian employees.

Gen. White and his wife, Mary, have co-authored several books: *Friends and Friendship*, *On the Job: Survival or Satisfaction* and *When Your Children Aren't Children Anymore*. By himself, Gen. White is the author of *Honesty, Morality*

and *Conscience, The Power of Commitment and Dangers Men Face*.

The National Prayer Breakfast began when prayer groups were inaugurated in 1942 among members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives.

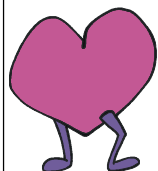
In 1953 the first presidential prayer breakfast was established by members of the Senate, House of Representatives and President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Its purpose was to seek divine guidance for national leadership and to reaffirm faith in and dependence upon God. Each year the breakfast has drawn together the president, Cabinet members, the Supreme Court, Congress and prominent leaders in business, labor, education and science.

In 1970, the name was changed to The National Prayer Breakfast to emphasize the purpose of the gathering rather than the individuals involved.

The National Prayer Breakfast is an interfaith endeavor, providing the opportunity Americans from all walks of life to reaffirm the moral and spiritual values upon which our nation was founded.

Tickets are available through Monday at the Chapel.



Hearts Apart is a morale group for people whose spouses are either deployed or on extended TDY. Free calls and support group are some of the benefits of this program. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 652-3327.





Volunteers add to Nellis' quality of life



Courtesy photo

**By Col. Stan Uchman
99th Medical Group
Commander**

Do you ever find yourself thinking how nice it would be to retire and just stay in a warm bed each morning instead of going to work? How about being underpaid? Do you ever feel like Uncle Sam just doesn't pay you enough? Guess what?

There are hundreds of wonderful retired men and women who turn off their alarm clocks, get dressed, and come to Nellis and work for—

get this—nothing! That's right, for free.

Actually, they work because they like helping others. They like the good feeling they get from doing something special.

These unselfish volunteers belong to three different groups, and the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital and all other military hospitals couldn't function without them.

The groups are the American Red Cross, the Air Force Sergeant's Association and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Red Cross has been supplying volunteers to the hospital since the late 1940's.

It has a main office in Bldg. 625 and an office in the Medicine Clinic. This group, with approximately 160 active volunteers, has by far the largest number of volunteers at our hospital. They contribute an average of 4,000 hours of volunteer time a month.

Let's see — 4,000 hours, times 12 months, times, let's say, \$8 an hour. That's

\$384,000 a year Department of Defense can use for medicine and equipment. I'm being very conservative with the \$8 an hour, as most of the volunteers worked for far greater wages during their previous careers.

In fact, some of the volunteers were medical professionals.

Red Cross volunteers work throughout the hospital. Most of their time is spent in clinical areas, in the Veterinary Clinic, the Satellite Pharmacy, and at the information desk. They perform many functions including chart organization, telephone answering and, in some cases, helping with direct patient care.

The Dental Clinic has had a dental assistant program in place for four years. This program allows volunteers to learn and practice dental assistant skills.

After careful screening, eight students spend six months learning—without pay. After graduation, the students go into the community to perform

dental assistant jobs.

I haven't even touched on the Red Cross "Volunteer" program yet. Last year 60 teens ages 14 to 18 volunteered and worked at the hospital doing non-direct patient care duties throughout the entire summer.

The Air Force Sergeant's Association has been supplying volunteers to the hospital for approximately 14 years. Currently 85 active volunteers work only in our pharmacies. They actually are the primary work force in the satellite pharmacy. AFSA volunteers put in 25,000 to 30,000 hours last year. Members also volunteer at various booths during the Nellis Air Show.

They also donate money, clothing, and toiletries for Shade Tree Shelter. The AFSA works with Boy's Town by donating clothing and food items. Last August, Mr. Pro (Provenzano), was chosen as the AFSA International Volunteer of the Year.

Veterans Affairs volunteers

work mainly in VA patient areas performing patient transport, manning the information desk and Gastroenterology suite, and the satellite pharmacy.

The VA has been supplying volunteers to Nellis hospitals since before 1980. Currently there are 42 VA volunteers at the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital.

So the next time you find yourself at our hospital or over at the satellite pharmacy and you see a man or woman in civilian clothes working who looks like he or she could be retired, take a moment and offer your thanks.

That person is probably a Red Cross, Air Force Sergeant's Association or Veterans Affairs volunteer. That person is not getting paid a penny, could be at home in bed or reading the paper and is providing you a tremendous service. They are there because they unselfishly support the military, and have wonderful hearts.

Thank you, volunteers!



It's a wonderful fulfilling life, an Air Force life



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

By Col. Skip Collins
57th LG Commander

Here it is - - the beginning of February and I, like many other people, have been really looking forward to what's coming in the future. The other day while I was cruising the flight line, I took a moment to look back into that "other century" and reflect a little about my 23-year career, and I was struck with the subject of this editorial, "It's a Wonderful Air Force Life."

Yes, I may have watched too many Christmas movies

over the holidays, but it was also very visible how our Air Force organizational families drew closer during this holiday. It was never more evident than when I attended four squadron Christmas parties. Without exception, I watched our people enjoy a fine meal together and they had tremendous fun doing it! Folks genuinely enjoyed the company of their co-workers and family members. And I thought, "Do blue-suiters, appreciate how much different and how much closer we work and play together than most of our civilian counterparts?"

If all you've ever done is the Air Force mission, you might not recognize some unusual things that come with the job. Like a boss who is interested in providing each individual with all the training and responsibility he or she can handle, just as soon as they can handle it. Simply stated, the Air Force is

anxious to invest in you!

This is not so common on the outside. Most companies hire specific skills to meet a need, and that is what you do for a long time. They are not that willing to invest money to make you more marketable or to help you advance to greater responsibility. You may have to wait until someone dies, quits or retires to give you a shot, if you are senior enough to be considered.

It certainly is not my purpose to drag down the civilian workplace, but there really are significant differences in the work environments we grow up in.

Just consider how fast successful former Air Force members get picked up on the outside. It's because we are well trained and dependable, and not only can we make decisions but we enjoy making the tough calls. Corporate America recognizes this.

As a young captain I had an opportunity to work with the commercial aircraft industry, and here's what I noticed. With just seven years in the service, I had at least double and maybe four-times the variety of experience and scope of responsibilities of my civilian counterparts. In fact, people who operated at my level had been with the company for 15 to 20 years.

Conversely, many people in the civilian workplace turned it on when they clocked-in each morning and definitely pulled the plug at the end of the day and escaped to their non-duty lives. There were no afternoon officers' calls, safety calls, or "for no particular reason except we haven't done this for a while" calls to have a drink and share some snacks.

Only once at this company was I invited to join in such an event. A supervisor (retired Air Force) found a \$100 bill in the cafeteria one

day. When nobody claimed it, he threw a little party. So my point is there are great people doing great things in industry, but life and the environment outside is quite different.

Remember how we pull together and how we rally around each other in times of tragedy or distress. Appreciate the diversity of our missions and workforce. Don't overlook how we nurture and grow our people into true professionals, whatever their specialty. Take great pride in the fact you are part of the most lethal and dominating Air Force in the world.

Look back at your career to date, re-live the experiences and challenges you've endured and think about the camaraderie and friendships you've built.

Cherish the times you have spent in the Air Force and be prepared for big changes when it is time to leave.



Celebrate Black heritage

Profiles in history: Aviation pioneer



Courtesy photo

**Ms. Willa B. Brown, circa 1930s'.
Born 1906, died 1992.**

By Senior Master Sgt. Nathan Dixon
57th Aircraft Generation Squadron

A woman of several firsts, including education, aviation and business, Ms. Willa B. Brown was born Jan. 21, 1906 in Glasgow, Ky.

Ms. Brown received her bachelor's degree in 1927 from Indiana State Teacher's College, and by age 21, she was the youngest high school teacher

in the Gary, Ind., school system.

Discouraged by the lack of opportunities for people of her race, she was looking for a change. In 1932, she moved to Chicago.

Influenced by the aviatrix Bessie Coleman, Ms. Brown started taking flying lessons in 1934. Initially, she was scorned in her own community for the apparent futility of a woman wasting time in aviation. The more orthodox residents of Chicago thought it sinful, if not insane.

Soon she became a member of the flying club, the Challenger Air Pilot's Association and the Chicago Girls Flight Club. She also purchased her own airplane.

In 1937 Ms. Brown received her pilot's license. That same year, she received a master's degree from Northwestern University and co-founded the National Airmen's Association of America with her flight instructor, Mr. Cornelius R. Coffey, whom she later married. The association's goal was to promote African-American aviation.

In 1938, they started the Coffey School of Aeronautics, where approximately two hundred pilots were trained in the next seven years.

Some of those pilots later became part of the 99th Pursuit Squadron at Tuskegee Institute, also known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

Ms. Brown lobbied Washington for inclusion of African-Americans in the Civilian Pilot Training Program and in the Army Air Corps, and, in 1941, she became a training coordinator for the Civil Aeronautics Administration and a teacher in the Civilian Pilot Training Program. The following year, she became the first African-American member of the Civil Air Patrol.

She also promoted aviation on the radio and taught it in high schools. More than half a century ago, she was the only woman in America holding a mechanic's license, a commercial pilot's license and serving as the president of a large aviation corporation.

In 1972, Ms. Brown became a member of the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation in the Federal Aviation Agency.

Editors note: Profiles in Black history will be a featured in this months Bullseye.

Black heritage jeopardy

February is Black Heritage Month. The Equal Opportunity Office is sponsoring a black heritage trivia contest to encourage the Nellis community to read, research and broaden their knowledge of Black American contributions to the American culture.

Answer the questions and submit your responses via E-mail on the global 99 ABW/ME, via fax at 652-9425 or drop them off at our office located at Bldg. 625.

Include your name and phone number. The entries with the most correct responses will be eligible for the grand prize drawing. The deadline is Feb. 25, 2000.

1. First black to receive a Ph.D. degree (physics) from an American university (Yale)?

2. First black woman to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and to run for President?

3. Civil rights leader and Nobel Prize recipient, 1964?

4. First black on the Supreme Court?

5. This inventor had more than 60 patents, many were used in railroads, including a device which powered trains by electricity rather than steam?

6. First black manager of a major baseball league team?

7. Educator, slave-born founder of Tuskegee Institute and the National Negro Business League?

8. First black woman to write a Broadway play?

9. Invented the gas mask, safety hood, automatic traffic light and first human hair straightener?

10. First black international diva who paved the way for classical artists Kathleen Battle and Jessye Norman?

The Nellis African-American Cultural Association will host a Gospel Jubilee at the Base Chapel on February 27 at 3 p.m. Please come out and join us in this festive celebration. The base choir will be in attendance along with several local community choirs. For more information call 652-2666.

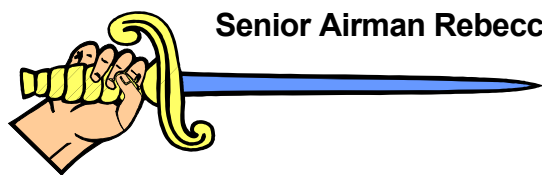
The Nellis African-American Cultural Association will sponsor a panel discussion today at the Nellis Enlisted Club from 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The association would like to extend an invitation to the entire Nellis population to join in this discussion about today's Air Force, our history and how our cultural diversity will impact the future. For more information call 652-3027.

The Nellis African-American Cultural Association will sponsor a semi-formal dinner to celebrate Black Heritage month. This event will be held at the Nellis Enlisted Club on Feb. 20 between and 10 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate black heritage. For more information call 652-1829.



Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Rebecca Raymond



Duty Title: Security Forces Journeyman

Hometown: Waynesboro, Pa.

Time in Air Force: One year and 10 months

Time at Nellis: One year four months

Hobbies: Horseback riding, spending time with friends and running.

Goals: To obtain my bachelor's degree in criminal psychology.

If I could improve one thing at Nellis: I would improve the quality of our Security Forces vehicles.

Most significant Air Force memories: Technical school and being part

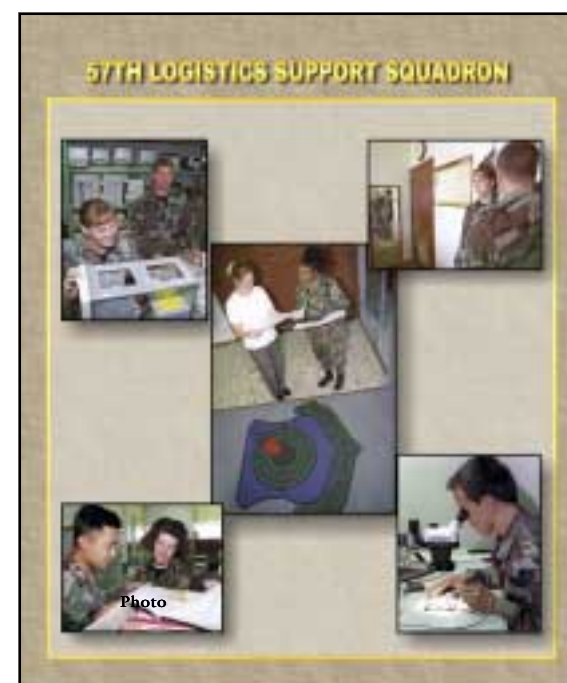


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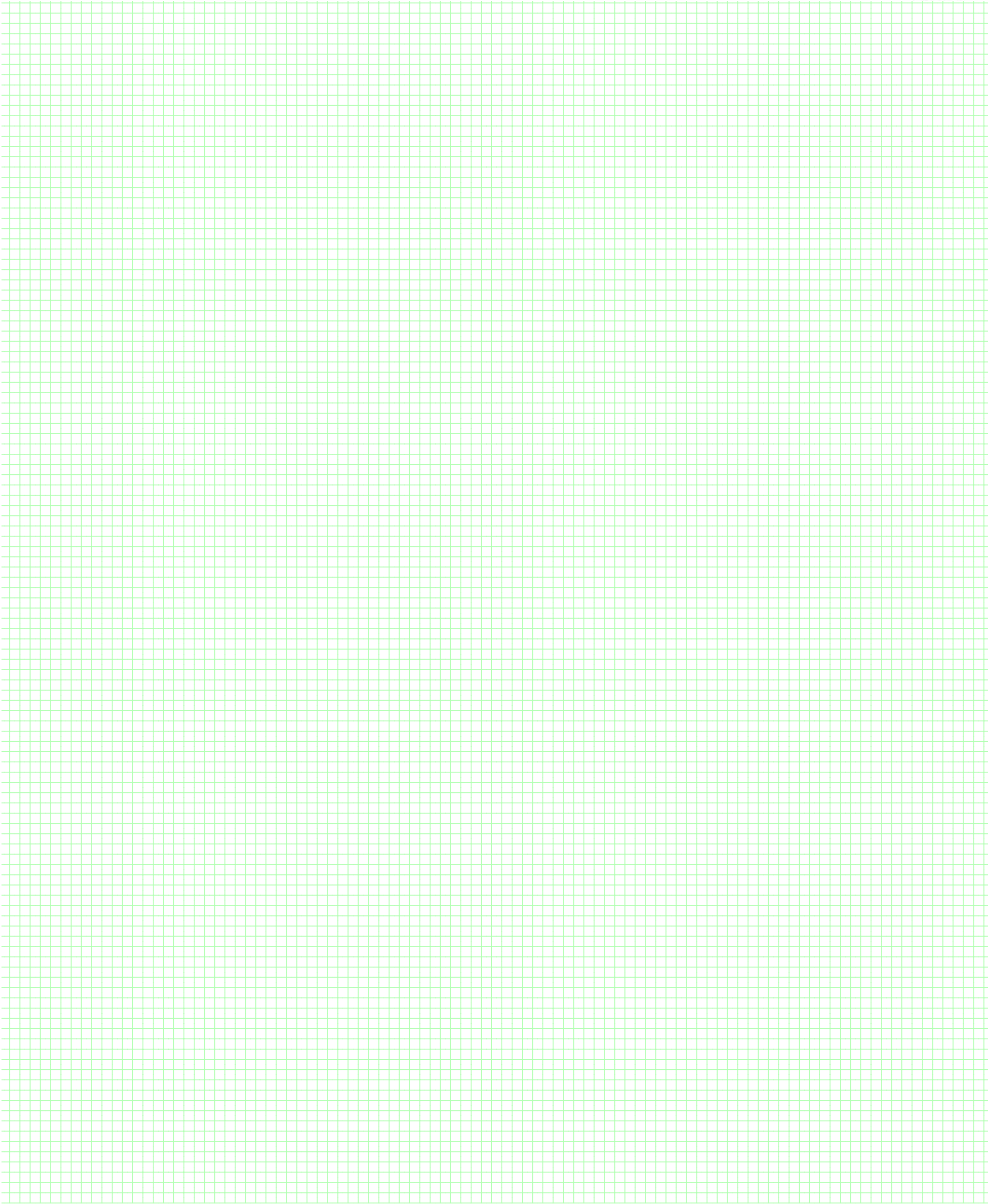
of the best flight in Security Forces the "Bulldogs."

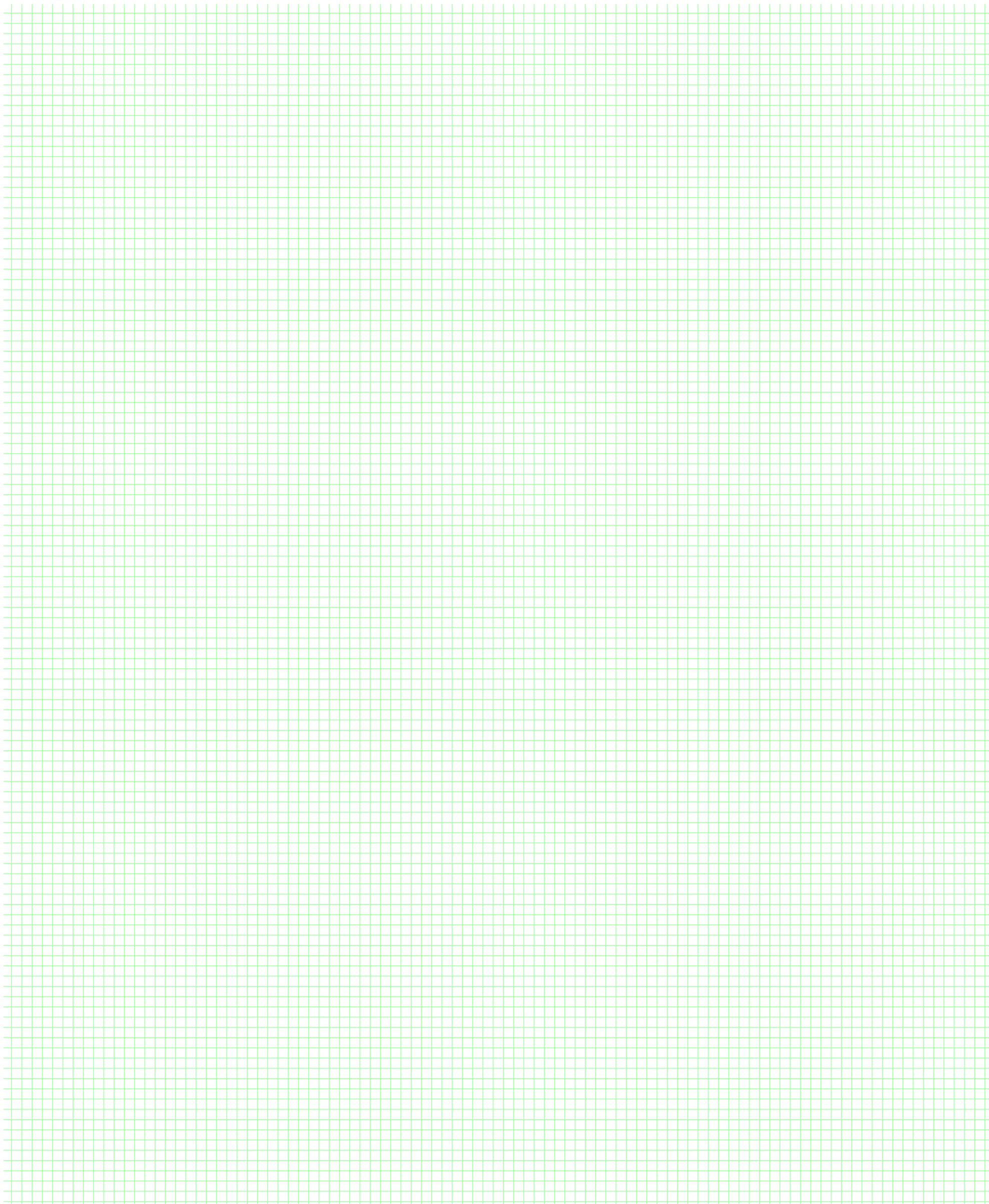
What I like most about my job: Wonderful leadership within my squadron and the pride that comes along with being a Security Forces member.

Nellis Now



As part of the 57th Logistics Group, the 57th Logistics Support Squadron is tasked with providing training, program management, quality oversight and planning/coordination for the entire maintenance effort on Nellis.







ARC offers emergency communications, services

By Staff Sgt. Ed Scott
AWFC Public Affairs

With a major restructure during the past two years, the American Red Cross still offers the same services – emergency communication, disaster relief and safety educational classes, community volunteer programs and managing the food locker.

“Our basic core services are still offered – still 24 hours,” said Ms. Kit Hope, the recent appointed Nellis station manager from Germany and 18 year veteran. “Very few emergencies happen at 9 a.m. on a Monday morning.”

Under the restructuring, emergency communications is now handled from two major centers – one in Oklahoma

and the other in Virginia. The centers share a communication data base and can be reached toll free at 1-877-272-7337.

With the centralization of emergency communications, military members stationed in the United States now receive emergency financial aid through Western Union and if needed, prepaid airline tickets. The ARC is still working on this service for overseas members.

“In some ways the emergency notifications have changed over 18 years,” she said. “Emergency communications are not as important CONUS and there is more of an increase overseas and with reservists and National Guard.

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Photo by Airman Ashley Center

Ms. Kit Hope is the station manager for the American Red Cross' Nellis Chapter.



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“We’re seeing more emergency messages that are not life or death,” Ms. Hope said. “One of our favorite is birth announcements since they are usually happy notices. But with technology changes we’re not making as many of these as we used to.

“Over the years we’ve seen increases with messages to write mom and other things that don’t fit into normal pigeon holes,” she said. “We also deliver messages from banks to avoid repossessing cars – mainly because we’re able to find the people and we’d hate to see the military member come back from a TDY to learn his car is gone.”

Another significant change Ms. Hope has seen increase over the years is blended families where everyone has

a different last name.

“We have to be really careful when taking information from case workers to ensure we understand the facts and have them right,” she said. “It can really get confusing at times.”

One message recalled by Ms. Hope that fit the blended family criteria involved a military member who had gone home on emergency leave because his local parentis grandmother had passed away. Within one year of her death, Ms. Hope received another notification stating the same military member’s local parentis aunt had died.

“I didn’t want the young man to get in trouble for fraud so I asked the local chapter to clarify the message,” she said. “It turned out that he had been raised by both of them.”

With technology making it possible to send information directly, and the

military being able to set up communication lines within hours after hitting foreign soil, the ARC has adapted its emergency communications to include anything that cannot wait for the postal service.

Along with their message service, Nellis’ ARC offers first aid and CPR classes along with disaster assistance such as help for a family involved in a house fire.

Keeping ARC’s programs running along with many other Nellis agencies are volunteers.

“This along with the food locker are the only things still being run by this office,” Ms. Hope said. “The bulk of our volunteers are working in the hospital, legal and the vet clinic, but we’re always willing to look at other locations.”

She said while in Germany she had

a lady walk into her office wanting to volunteer at the post office because she wanted a job there.

“She told me the best way to get a job at a specific place was to volunteer there,” Ms. Hope said. “We worked it out for her to volunteer at the post office and she finally did start working for the post office.”

Currently, Ms. Hope is looking for a volunteer chairman to run the VolunTeen program. The summer program is for teenagers 14 and older and provides them work experience.

“This is a great program,” she said. “We try to find jobs where the teens are not just busy but is a rich learning experience.

“I’m looking forward to working with everyone here,” Ms. Hope said, “and I can honestly say I’m glad to be back with the Air Force.”







Photo by Airman Ashley Center

Best in Communications and Informations training

Nellis' Workgroup Management Program Office is shown here receiving honors as the Air Force's Best Practice in Communications and Information Systems, Workgroup Management Training. Nellis launched its Workgroup Management training program in April 1999 and since has been the show place of Air Combat Command. Pictured here left to right are Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Barron, Tech. Sgt. Brian Brown, Col. Richard Tedesco, 99th Support Group commander, Tech. Sgt. Norma Cummings and Airman 1st. Class Chrissie Hussey.

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Maintenance banquet

The 57th Wing's 1999 Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet will be held Feb. 26 at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:45 p.m.

Main course is breast of chicken Angelo.

Guest speaker for this event is retired Col. Michael D. Meyer, former 57th Logistics Group commander. Dress for this occasion is: officer – mess dress; enlisted – mess dress/semi-formal; civilian – semi-formal.

See maintenance chiefs for tickets.

Prices are \$23 for master sergeants and below; \$26 for civilians, senior master sergeants and above.

Hospital phone outage

The Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital telephones will be out of service from 4 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. In case of an emergency, contact the emergency room at 643-1012.

Palace Envoy 2000-001

Personnel manning for Military Liaison Teams, Senior NCO requirements, are to be filled in Poland,

Romania, Albania, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania and Macedonia.

The Mil-to-Mil program is a high priority, high visibility, effort of national importance. The MLT mission requires dealing effectively with senior officers in countries which have had few previous contacts with the U.S. military. Tour length is 179 days.

Detailed information about the Military Liaison Team program is available on the worldwide web at www.eucom.mil/programs/jctp/jctpmilts.htm, or you may contact the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service at 652-9073/9459 for more information.

Commander orientation

The Nellis Airman Leadership School will be conducting a commanders'/supervisors orientation in the ALS auditorium at 9 a.m. Feb 24. This orientation is open to all commanders, section commanders, chiefs, first sergeants and supervisors. Reservations are encouraged. For more information call 652-6524.

CGOC meeting

The Company Grade Officer's

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meeting at 4 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Officers' Club.

Federal scholarships

Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund 2000-02 Scholarship Program is now available for current civilian federal or postal employees and their family members.

All applicants must submit a complete application package postmarked no later than March 31.

For more information, or an application call 652-2919.

Palace Envoy 2000-002

One Air Force active-duty major is needed to deploy to East Timor as a member of the United Nations Transitional Administration East Tim contingent.

Duty assignment is as a military observer/military liaison officer. The TDY is for 179 days. Selected officer will attend pre-deployment training at Ft. Bragg, N.C., from March 26 through 31. Expected deployment date is approximately April 15.

For more information, contact the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service at 652-9073/9459.

Accountable mail delivery

When an individual has more than two boxes of outgoing mail, they must deliver them to BITC no later than 2:30 p.m. to be processed. The unit must pick up accountable mail (registered, certified, and express) that cannot be secured overnight, no later than 4 p.m. Cut-off for all accountable mail that is hand carried to BITC is as follows -- 10 pieces or less - 1 p.m. and 11 pieces or more - 10 a.m.

For more information call 652-8855.

Command Chief openings

The Air Force Personnel Center Chiefs' Group, in conjunction with Air Mobility Command, is seeking

volunteers for the command chief master sergeant position at 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., reporting no later than June 1.

The AFPC Chiefs group, in conjunction with Air Education and Training Command, is seeking volunteers for the command chief master sergeant position at Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ga., reporting no later than March 31.

Contact the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service at 652-9073 for more information.

Contact the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Section at 652-9073 for additional information.

Leadership program

The Air Force received two military quotas for the Department of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program. The ELDP will begin in August.

This program is designed specifically for highly motivated majors or major selects who have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, commitment to public service and integrity; and who have an interest in moving into senior management positions.

Military participants contribute a vital perspective on the missions, operations, culture and customs of the military and, in turn, learn from their civilian/military counterparts and senior managers/executives. These shared experiences enrich both military and civilian participants who are being groomed for further leadership roles.

To be eligible, an officer must be in the grade of major or be a major select and have completed SOS and ACSC, either in residence or by correspondence/seminar.

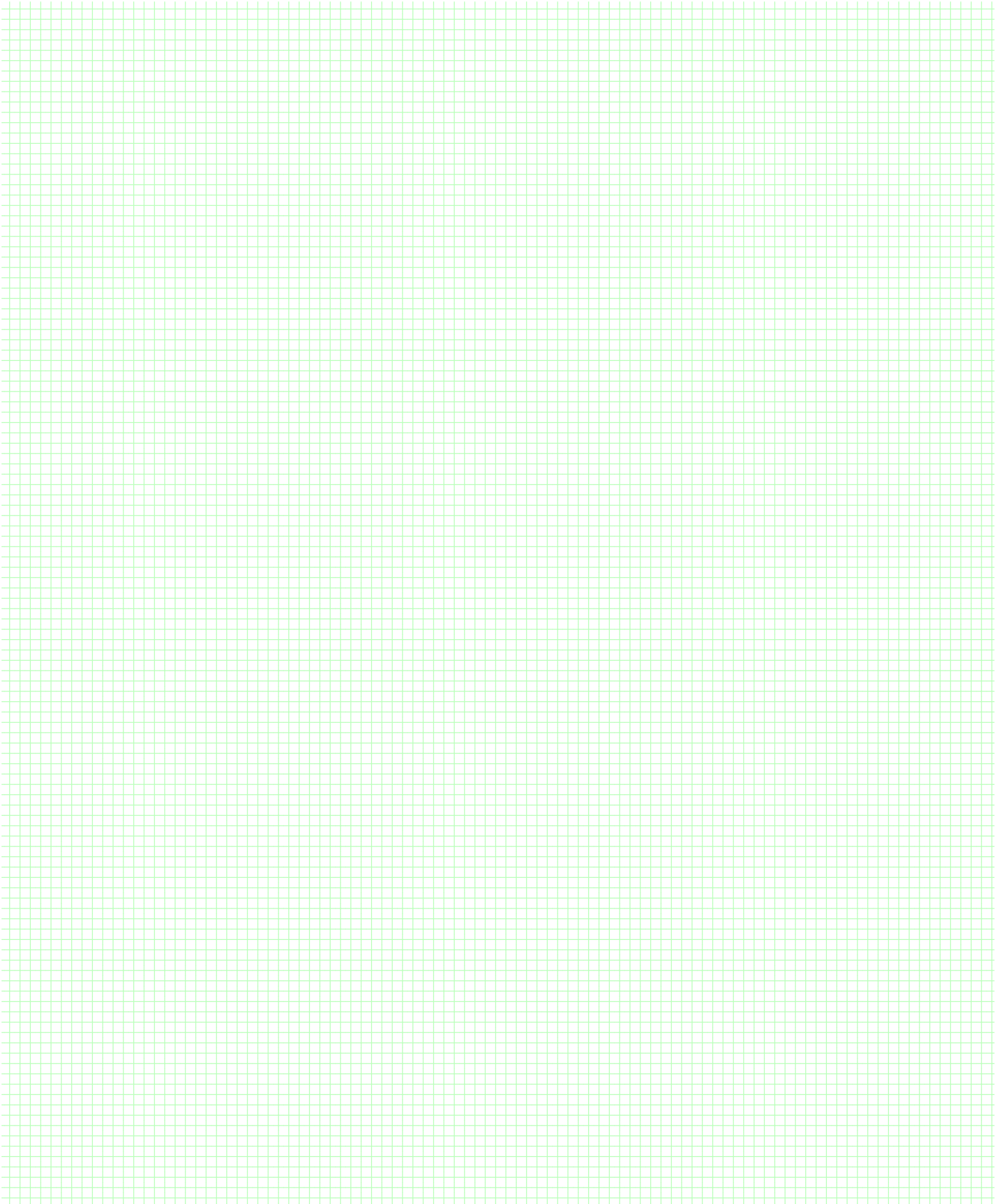
Those interested must apply to HQ AFPC/DPAPE no later than Feb. 22.

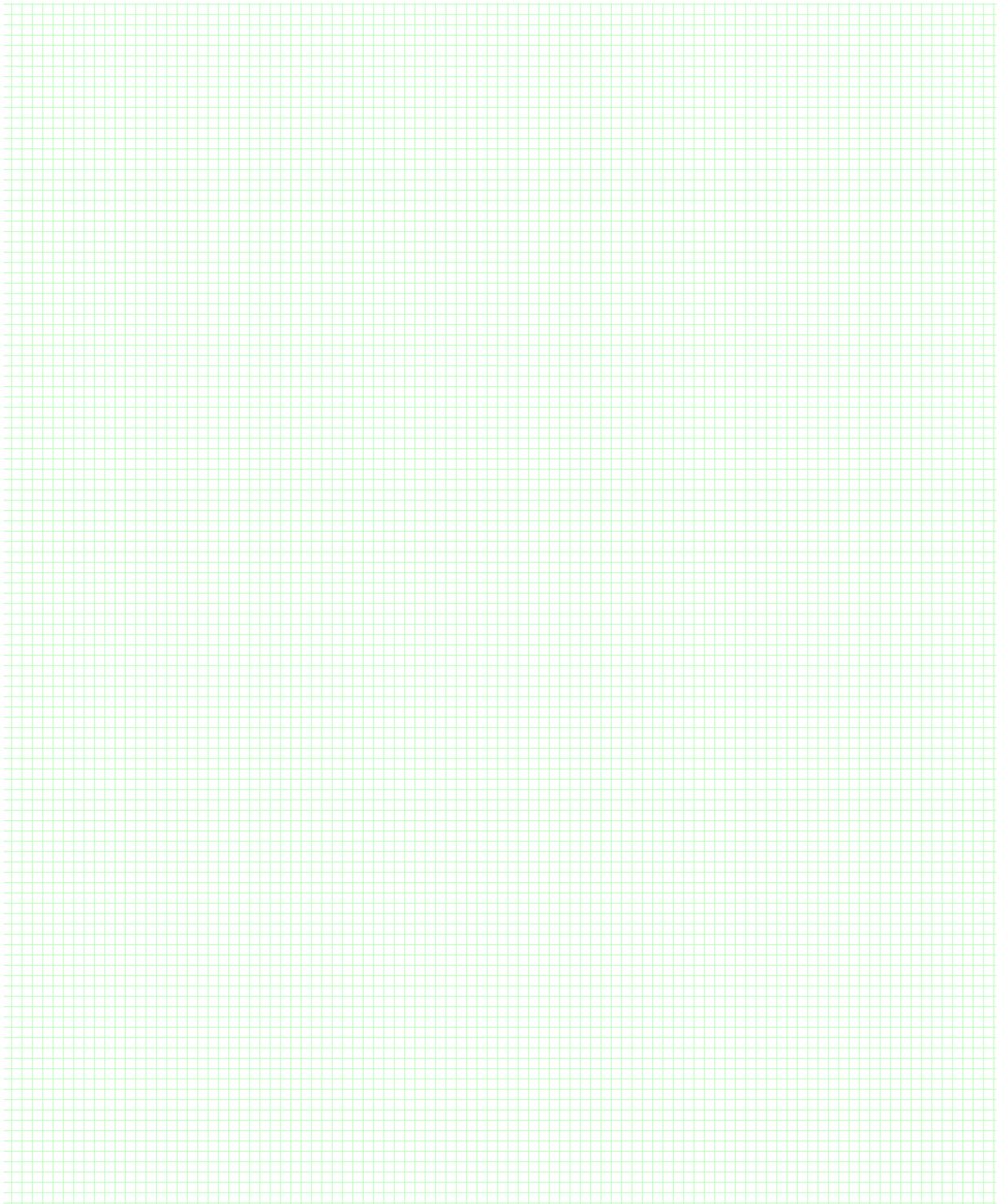
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War College Selectees'

Lt. Col. Brian T. Bishop, Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds
Lt. Col. James E. Solinski, 53rd Test and Evaluation Group

57th Wing Annual Award winners

Company Grade Officer of the Year - Capt. John Trumpfheller, USAF Weapons School
1st Sgt. of the Year - Senior Master Sgt. Mary Kochel, Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds
Senior NCO of the Year - Master Sgt. Michael Wasak, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron
NCO of the Year - Tech. Sgt. Marty Anderson, 57th Component Repair Squadron
Airman of the Year - Senior Airman Carl Schuett, 57th Component Repair Squadron

57th Operations Group Annual Award winners

Airman of the Year - Airman 1st Class Casey M. Laymon
NCO of the Year - Tech. Sgt. Edward R. McGill
Senior NCO of the Year - Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth S. King

Company Grade Officer of the Year - Capt. Brian W. Lindsey

Civilian of the Year GS-6 and below - Ms. Jean Busch

Civilian of the Year GS-7 and above- Mr. Dennis W. Bee, Jr.

57th Operations Group Quarterly Award winners

Airman of the Quarter - Senior Airman Melodie L. Ward

NCO of the Quarter - Staff Sgt. Richard A. Martinez

Senior NCO of the Quarter - Master Sgt. Toni L. Greenfield

Company Grade Office of the Quarter - Capt. Christopher Larson

Civilian of the Quarter GS-6 and below- Ms. Jean Busch

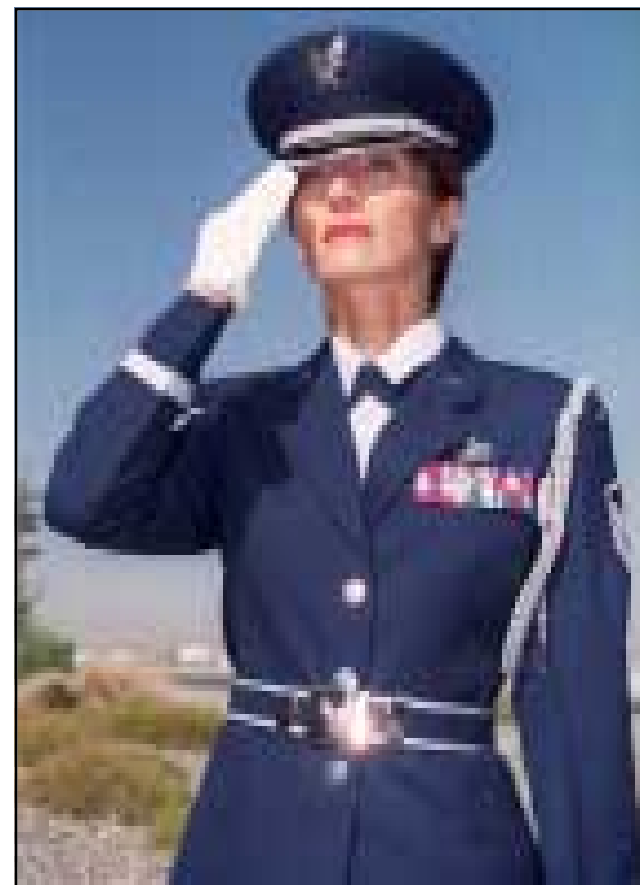
Civilian of the Quarter GS-7 and above- Mr. Daniel Holsapple

99th Medical Group Annual Award winners

Airman of the Year - Airman 1st Class Jessica DeHaven

NCO of the Year - Staff Sgt. Glenda Westgate

Senior NCO of the Year - Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Whalen



Thrift Shop volunteer has 20-years on-the-job

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Covington
AWFC Public Affairs

As Hilde Jopes helped a steady line of customers at the cash register in the Nellis Thrift Shop, Col. Andrew S. Dichter, 99th Air Base Wing commander, approached her and said, "Would you mind holding these for me."

The colonel then presented her with several balloons, a card and a 99th Air Base Wing coin for her 20 years of volunteering at the shop.

"It keeps me out of my husband's hair," she said when asked why she volunteers. She explained that her husband, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ray Jopes, has been driving her to the store for those 20 years.



Photo by Airman Mark Kuhta

Ms. Hilde Jopes receives her 20-year volunteer pin from Col. Andrew S. Dichter, 99th Air Base Wing commander.

"I think it's a good idea she volunteers," said Mr. Jopes. "She really enjoys it."

Helping the Nellis Thrift Shop has turned into a family affair for Ms. Jopes. In addition to her husband driving her, her daughter, Dorothea Bourland, occasionally volunteers at the shop.

"She rules the place with an iron thumb," said Mrs. Marion Moody, wife of Brig. Gen. David L. Moody, 57th Wing commander. "Whenever she goes on vacation we have to scramble to get someone to replace her."

"She holds the shop roof up and we couldn't operate without her" said Mrs. Rebecca Correia, Nellis Thrift Shop manager. "She has a big heart."

Before moving to Nellis, Ms. Jopes volunteered for 5 years at the Thrift Shop at Fort Carson,

Colorado Springs, Colo., before coming to Nellis with her husband.

The Nellis Thrift Shop, located next to the Commissary, is opened 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month. As a nonprofit shop run and operated by the Nellis Officers Spouses Club, profits — estimated at between \$2,000 to \$3,000 monthly — are turned over to people programs, such as the Family Support Center, Youth Center, First Sergeants Council, American Red Cross, Nellis Right Start Program, Enlisted Widows Home and scholarships.

"It's a rewarding job," Ms. Jopes said about her reasons for volunteering. "And I like to work with people."

Comstock comes to Rod and Gun Club

The Nellis Skeet and Trap Club's annual skeet classic, The Comstock, an annual shooting competition, will be held Feb. 15 with the official program running Feb. 17 through 20.

During the competition, participants from around the world will compete in six events with more than a 600 target program.

For more information, call 652-1937.

Soccer players wanted

Anyone interested in playing soccer, please contact Tech. Sgt. Terry Rawlins at 652-2419 or send an e-mail to terry.rawlins@nellis.af.mil.



Police beat

The following is a summary of incidents in the military community since Jan. 1.

We encourage you to use the information to prevent yourself or others from becoming a victim of crime. Help us take a bite out of crime. If you see a crime in progress or other suspicious activity, please call the security forces desk at 652-5100; you may remain anonymous if you choose.

Driving under the influence:

- One military member was apprehended for driving while intoxicated on I-15 at 8:40 a.m. and placed in civil custody by the Nevada Highway Patrol.
- One military member was apprehended adjacent to Tyndall Gate for driving under the influence at 12:05 a.m.
- One military member was apprehended for DUI adjacent to Bldg. 20 at 5:40 a.m..

Although three DUI's doesn't sound bad, one is still too many. In addition to the civil and criminal penalties please consider, is drinking and driving worth it? Is killing yourself or some else worth it? Play it safe; call someone, catch a taxi, or stay put until you sober up for everyone's sake.

Theft of Property:

- Eight thefts totaling \$1,703 were reported.

- \$68 was stolen from the Youth Center.
- A vacuum valued at \$350 was stolen from dormitory 783.
- Cologne, with an unknown value was stolen from dormitory 794.
- Jewelry valued at \$445 was stolen from a billeting room.
- A 60-gallon trash can, value unknown, was stolen from a Manch Manor quarters
- \$140 was stolen from the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital.
- Clothes, value unknown, were stolen from a billeting laundry room.
- Various vehicle parts valued at \$700 were stolen from the recreational vehicle storage lot.

More than one-third of these thefts involved unsecure property. Remember the cardinal rule of crime prevention; if you don't want it stolen, lock it up!

Shoplifting:

- Six incidents of shoplifting totaling \$173 were reported. The items included:
- Six compact discs valued at \$78 were shoplifted from the Shoppette.
- One compact disc valued at \$13 was shoplifted from the Base Exchange.
- Three compact discs valued at \$38 were shoplifted from the Base Exchange.
- A daily planner valued at \$7 was shoplifted from the Base Exchange.
- Cologne valued at \$37 was shoplifted from the Base Exchange.
- A bottle of liquor and bag of chips, unknown

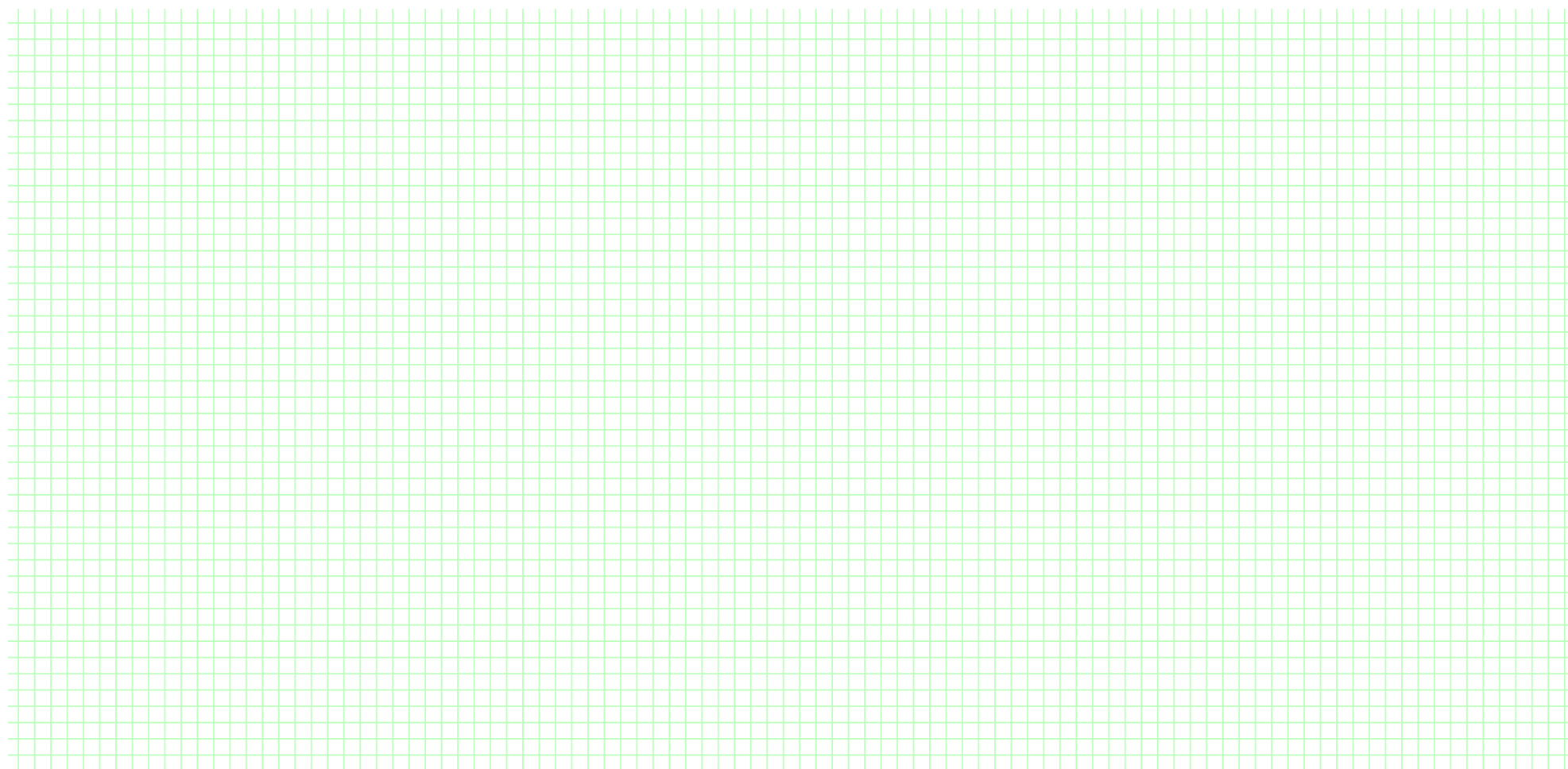
value were shoplifted at the Manch Manor shoppette.

Shoplifting is a crime that affects us all. Losses incurred are made up by price increases. Help stop all of us from being victims. If you see someone shoplifting, please report it to a store employee or call the Security Forces at 652- 2311 or crime stop at 652-5100.

Security Forces crime tip of the week:

- Be aware if crime is occurring in your neighborhood and protect yourself against similar thefts. Need to know what is happening in your neighborhood? Call the Security Forces Crime Prevention NCO for more information at 652-3326.
- Make sure your bushes and shrubs are trimmed so they don't offer someone concealment to get into your quarters unnoticed.
- Don't hide spare house keys outside the house. Thieves know all the likely locations including the "fake rock" that is sold for this purpose. Leave spares with a trusted friend or neighbor.
- Visibility is a thief's enemy; make sure you use your exterior lighting and promptly replace burned-out bulbs.

Remember, if you see a crime in progress or something suspicious, report it to the 99th Security Forces through the Crime Stop number, 652-5100. You may remain anonymous if you chose.





Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are at 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. Call 652-5020 for more information.

Today

Anna and the King (PG-13)

Jodie Foster, Chow Yun-Fat

English school teacher, Anna has done something that women of the Victorian age simply never do: She has traveled thousands of miles with her son to a land that is largely unknown to the Western world, Siam. Anna has been employed to educate the king's 58 children. She brings with her an "East vs. West" prejudice against the king, considering him to be uncivilized. But over time, Anna discovers that the king is a true man of vision who is leading Siam to take its place among the nations of the modern world. The king recognizes that Anna has shined a light not only on him and his family, but on Siam itself. *Some intense violent sequences.*

Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Anna and the King (PG-13)

Showing at 7 and 9:15 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday.

☆ Closed Tuesday and Wednesday ☆

Thursday and Feb. 11

DOGMA (R)

Matt Damon, Ben Affleck

Two renegade fallen angels attempt to jerry-rig the entire cosmological system unless a rag-tag group of humans can stop them. Loki and Bartleby are searching for a way out of everlasting exile in Wisconsin when they stumble upon the perfect return-to-paradise plan: a loophole in church dogma that will allow them to re-enter Heaven if they pass under the blessed arch of a New Jersey cathedral. There's only one minor

drawback: should they succeed, they'll also obliterate all human existence.

strong language including sex-related dialogue, violence, crude humor and some drug content.

Feb. 12

Toy Story 2 (G) 1, 7 and 9 p.m.

Animated

In "Toy Story 2", the fun and adventure continues when Andy goes off to summer camp and the toys are left to their own devices. Things shift into high gear when an obsessive toy collector kidnaps Woody who unbeknownst to himself is a highly valued collectable. It's now up to Buzz Lightyear and the gang from Andy's room-Mr. Potato Head, Slinky Dog, Rex and Hamm to spring into action and save their pal from winding up as a museum piece. There's plenty of excitement and fun, as the toys get into one predicament after another in their daring race to get home before Andy does.

Feb. 13

Toy Story 2 (G) 1 and 7 p.m.

Feb. 14 and 15

Toy Story 2 (G)

Feb. 16

Deuce Bigalow Male Gigolo (R)

Rob Schneider, William Forsythe

Deuce is a down on his luck guy who cleans fish tanks for a living. His life changes dramatically when he is hired to clean the Koi pond at a luxury Malibu apartment complex. He ends up fish sitting a sick Lionfish owned by Antoine a debonair, world class male escort. He is told two things: Don't answer the phone and don't drive the Porsche. He answers Antoine's business phone and becomes "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo."

Sexual content, language and crude humor.

American Red Cross 652-2106

Orientation

Orientation for Red Cross volunteers is held at the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital at 10 a.m. every Friday. Individuals need to bring their shot records.

Chapel 652-2950

Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service: 8 a.m.
Traditional service: 11:15 a.m.

Classes and activities

Catholic: Classes for age 3 through 12th grade from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. and a Sacramental Class is also offered from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sundays.

Adult RCIA: Adults who want to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith, come to RCIA at 1:45 p.m. Sundays at the annex.

Protestant: Religious education classes (18 months-adult) Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m.

A Marriage Enrichment Class is held from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m. Sunday mornings at the Family Support Center classrooms. Please sign up in the Protestant book at the back of the Chapel. This class is for married couples and runs through March 26.

Weigh Down, a Christ-centered program emphasizing replacing devotion to the refrigerator with a deeper, more satisfying devotion to God, will begin meeting Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel annex. This program is for men and women who want to change their lives as well as their weight. Call 643-5739 for more information.

Men of the Chapel meet every first and third Tuesday in the Chapel basement from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel (grades 7 through 12) meet from 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and are studying Desiring God's Own Heart.

Singles meet from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex for a video series on the Song of Solomon which deals with dating and relationships. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Charlie Stutts at 652-2950 or Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Barron at 614-0806.

Officers' Christian Fellowship is studying 1 Thessalonians at home meetings. For more information on Sunday night meetings call 643-5739 or for Monday night meetings call 869-9559.

Community Center 652-5014

Drama/acting workshop

Learn the basics and develop the skills necessary to become a dramatic actor or actress at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Call Ms. Rosie Ward at the Community Center for more information and to sign up.

Club news

Valentine's Day dinner

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the one you love at the Officers' Club. The dinner, which is open to all ranks, will be served at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 14. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. While couples feast on veal picante with lemon butter sauce or surf 'n turf petite filet and shrimp scampi, a pianist will play romantic music. Cost is \$40 a couple for Officers' or Enlisted Club members and \$46 a couple for nonmembers. Call the Officers' Club at 644-2582 to reserve a table.

Education Center 652-5180

CCAF graduation

All documents for the April Community College of the Air Force graduation have to be received at the Education Office by Feb. 18.

Test taking skills

The Study and Test Taking Skills Class is being offered from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday and Feb. 22 and 23. Registration is required.

Tuition Assistance

Anyone with Tuition Assistance who changes classes must contact the Education Center to avoid being charged for the entire class cost.

NOSC scholarships

The Education Center has applications for the Nellis Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarships 2000. This scholarship is for a non-military family member with a high school diploma or equivalent. Dead line for applications is March 28.

Embry Riddle

Embry-Riddle University offers associate, bachelor and master's degrees in technical management and aviation management. Advanced standing credit given for military training and Federal Aviation Administration licenses. Call 643-0762 for more information.

University of Phoenix

The University of Phoenix is a private, institute of higher education whose mission is to provide quality education to working adult students. Students attend class one night each week with most programs taking only two years to complete. The university maintains four conveniently located

campuses in Las Vegas. The college offer a wide range of degree and certificate programs. For more information call 652-5527.

University of Oklahoma

Admission applications and enrollments are still being accepted for the Spring 2000 semester at the University of Oklahoma. OU offers a Master in Public Administration degree, a 36- credit program that can be completed in less than 18 months. For more information, please contact Ms. Laurie Boetcher at 652-9453 or e-mail her at ounellis@aol.com.

Family Advocacy 653-3884

Love Shouldn't Have to Hurt

Family Advocacy and the OB/GYN clinic will co-sponsor a free seminar for base healthcare providers and professionals from 7:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Bldg. 1305. Participants will be trained on strategies to better meet the needs of suspected and acknowledged victims of abuse. A continental breakfast will be served. Call 653-3380 to register.

PREP

This nine-hour class offers clear, practical techniques to build healthy communication skills for committed couples. The class is offered free to active duty members and their family members. Registration is required and class dates and times will be set once enough couples sign up.

Post-partum

The two-hour class is designed to provide parents the knowledge to manage the post-partum experience. Classes are offered from 2 to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Breast feeding

Practical and useful information is provided in this two-hour class. Husbands are encouraged to attend. Classes are offered from 2 to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Boys Town parenting

Boys Town Common Sense Parenting minimizes theory and maximize real world learning and is applicable for children three and up. Registration is required and class dates and times will be set once enough couples sign up.

Family Support Center 652-3327

Volunteer award

The Volunteer Advisory Committee is accepting nominations for the Volunteer Excellence Award through March 17. Federal civilians, family members and retirees are eligible. The Family Support Center has nomination forms.

Boxing tickets

The Air Force boxing team will face the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Sporting House on Industrial Road. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 733-8999.

Predepolyment briefing

The briefing will be held 9 a.m. Monday and 2 p.m. Wednesday and is designed to help Nellis community members prepare for a TDY, deployment or remote assignment. Spouses are welcome.

Ready, Set, Grow

This class is held from 10 to 11 a.m. every Monday and is an opportunity for children 3 to 36 months to interact with each other.

In and Out budget

Bring income statements, monthly bills and learn how to set up a budget from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Prep for Parenthood

A series of five sessions for parents that cover caring for a newborn, breast-feeding, child safety, infant CPR, budgeting and child development. Classes begins Monday from 6 to 8:30 p.m..

1999 Taxpayer Relief

Learn what type of return is best to file based on situations and what constitutes a deduction from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Talking money

Learn to talk money with your significant other from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 15.

TAP

A program for transitioning military members to civilian life will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Feb. 11. The three-day workshop is held in conjunction with the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs.

Volunteer opportunities

The FSC is looking for a volunteer photographer and individuals interested in graphic design to help with special projects. Free child care is available. Family Services is looking for volunteers to staff their office which is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 652-6070.

Outdoor Recreation 652-8967

Valley of Fire/Lost City

The tour starts at 9 a.m. Feb. 12 and includes many areas of interest, a short hike along with the chances to take photos. The trip will conclude with a visit to the Lost



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City Museum in Overton, Nev. Cost is \$12 plus a \$2 museum entry fee.

Skills Development 652-2794

One-stroke painting class

Learn to paint like a professional in this easy to follow class. A two-part daytime class starts at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. In this course, participants will learn how to paint fruit. Cost is \$30 for newcomers and includes a four-piece brush set. Cost is \$20 for those who already have the brush set. Bring your own article to paint, or purchase one from the instructor.

Beginning ceramics class

This three-week course begins at 1 p.m. Feb. 12. Participants will finish three pieces and learn the basics of three different techniques. Cost is \$35 plus the additional fee for the greenware. Students will choose which pieces they wish to complete. Call Ms. Rose Mondragon at the Skills Development Center for additional information and to sign up.

Valentineballoon bouquets

Order a balloon bouquet to be delivered on Valentine's Day. Create a bouquet or let the staff put one together for you. Cost is \$10 for one mylar balloon and six latex, \$15 bouquet includes two mylars and eight latex and the \$25 bouquet has a 36" mylar balloon and five latex. Each bouquet is weighted with a ceramic valentine bear. Delivery is free to anywhere on base. Call today to order.

Youth Center 652-9307

Basketball players/coaches

Register now for the upcoming season. Children 5 to 16 are eligible to participate. A current physical and proof of age are required before practicing. Cost is \$30 plus a Youth Center activity card. Stop by the Youth Center to pick up a registration card.

Drawing contest

Youth are asked to draw a person who had a significant impact on African-American history. Packets of information are available at the Youth Center. Entries must be received by Feb. 16. Drawing winners will receive movie tickets. Call Ms. Sherry Franklin for more information.

Preteen lock-in

The lock-in is open to preteens 9 to 12. Wear a red or white T-shirt and receive \$1 off the entry fee. Activities for the evening include movies, games and tournaments. Snacks will also be served all night long. The fun begins at 9 p.m. Feb. 18 and lasts until 7 a.m. the next morning. Cost is \$8 for Youth Center members and \$13 for nonmembers. Sign up before Feb. 16.

Time Out 652-2880

Mardi Gras

Get a taste of New Orleans at Mardi Gras 6 p.m. Feb. 11. Karaoke will play all night long and a free Cajun buffet will be

available at 8 p.m., unless the gators finish it off first. A Louisiana Lambchop Queen and Bobbin' Gator King will be crowned, and prizes will abound for all. Prizes will include Speedway tickets and a one-night stay at The Orleans with dinner and tickets to an upcoming show for two. Las Vegas Motor Speedway and The Orleans Hotel and Casino sponsor the Mardi Gras.

Buckle up



and be safe!

Corporate Challenge 2000

Corporate Challenge begins April 6. Men and women of all athletic abilities are needed from Team Nellis to compete in a number of sporting events and to volunteer to work at the events.

All active duty, retired military and DOD civilians are invited to participate.

Sign up by March 15 at these locations: Outdoor Recreation, Bowling Center, Community Center, Golf Course, Sports and Fitness Center, or Rod and Gun Club.

Interested parties can also call 652-8967, 652-4891 or 652-5014 for more information.

Air Show 2000 meeting

There will be an Air Show meeting at 2 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Enlisted Club for all private organizations interested in making money at the Air Show scheduled for May 6.

This meeting will cover the guidelines private organizations need to follow to work a booth and sell goods at the Air Show.

Call Mr. Wayne Crockett for more information at 652-7253.





Marriage counseling available for couples

By Ms. Paula Tracy
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Ask base first sergeants or commanders about the number one stressor facing their active duty personnel and chances are good that you'll hear "marital and family stress."

Whether you talk to the staff at the Family Support Center, Chapel, Mental Health Clinic or Health and Wellness Center, you're likely to get the same response. Marriage and family stress continues to rise, and it's no surprise that it can have a tremendous negative impact on duty performance.

Think about your own marital relationship, and honestly answer these questions:

- Do problem-solving discussions start out calm and then spiral out of control?
- Is withdrawal or avoidance a common coping tactic?
- Do you often feel misunderstood or "put down" by your partner?

- Do you feel emotionally unsafe in your relationship?

- Do you avoid spending time or fear of conflict?

The more "yes" answers you have, the more you need to take a closer look at your relationship.

Unfortunately, the demands of life make it easy to postpone addressing the very issues that tend to cause the most difficulty. Marital conflict creates family stress, which sets the stage for further division in the marriage.

The Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program, currently offered by base Family Advocacy Outreach and Prevention staff, is a proven tool in the endeavor to decrease relationship conflict.

Based on years of research, the nine-hour class teaches many useful skills that can be immediately practiced, implemented and refined. It stresses awareness and ownership of our own behaviors and beliefs that contribute to conflict, while teaching practical alternatives that offer a much greater

chance of success.

The PREP model supports the theory that with respectful communication, couples can maintain a close, loving friendship – even after many years of marriage.

It is not marriage counseling or therapy, but it is a skill-building relationship-enhancing class that will help you to see your partner in a more positive perspective.

Lectures, videotaped vignettes and discussion combine to create an informal atmosphere. Humor is acceptable.

PREP classes are held in the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 625. There isn't a fee for active duty personnel and their partners, but registration is required and limited to no more than six couples per class.

Saturday classes are available.

Call the Family Advocacy Outreach manager at 653-3380 or e-mail at paula.tracy@nellis.af.mil with questions or to register for an upcoming class.

Boxing tickets

The Air Force boxing team will face the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Sporting House on Industrial Road. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 733-8999.

Slow down!

Mr. Terry Proucha, Red Flag security manager, stands by the 15 mph warning sign and flashing signal on Tyndall. When the signal flashes, watch for pedestrians and slow to 15 mph.



Photos by Staff Sgt. James Bryant

Tee Time

Above, Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Combat Command commander, tees' off on the third hole of the Nellis golf course during a recent visit.